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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, June 28.—In a game, featured by fast double plays and sensational teats, Ehrhardt defeated Walterboro on the local diamond Friday afternoon. Hiers, for the locals, pitched high class ball, not a visitor reaching the keystone sack, and only two hits being registered off his delivery. Witsell, for Walterboro, who relieved Rice in the third, pitched a steady game, striking out nine men in six innings. This is the second game played, Walterboro winning the first. The third of the series will be played on Friday at Walterboro. Score:

Ehrhardt ... 320 000 01*—6 5 1
Walterboro ... 000 000 000—0 2 5

Umpires, Dannelly and Kearse.

The annual Newberry college reunion will be held at Mt. Pleasant church on July 14th, with Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, of Newberry, as the principal speaker. The public and all graduates and ex-students of the college are cordially invited to attend. This reunion is not for Newberry Students exclusively, but for all college men. The programme will be a long educational lines and promises to be very interesting and instructive. The committee will be glad for all who deem it possible to attend. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

News From Lemon Spur.

Lemon Spur, June 29.—More rain; more grass! Prospects are good for hay if it does not get drowned.

Miss Eva Hughes, who attended the Ulmer's high school the past session, is at home for the summer vacation.

Miss Virginia Hill is at home from Limestone college.

Mesdames W. M. Berry and Alonzo Clark, with their four children, also their sister, Miss Minnie Jordan, of Johnston, are visiting relatives here.

Posts are being put up to place telegraph wires on along the B., E. & W. railroad. The road proves a good deal of service to the farmers in the lower and interior sections of the county.

Miss Georgie Emma Jordan, of Salem school, is at home.

The wheat crop has proven a splendid investment. The flour is fine and it looks like living to all those good things in the farmers' barn.

Clear Pond Breezes.

Clear Pond, June 25.—We are having very warm weather now. The farmers of this vicinity are taking advantage of every opportunity to kill the grass.

Miss Allie Morris, of Ehrhardt, with her cousin, Miss Eda Belle Morris, of Davisboro, Ga., visited friends and relatives here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Folk and Miss Dorris Folk have returned from a pleasant visit at Hilda.

Miss Clara Priester has returned to her home in Bamberg after a short visit to Miss Mamie Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Folk, and Miss Wilhelmina Folk attended the Salem school picnic Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pearson and children visited at the home of Mr. C. K. Smoak Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Folk visited relatives at Farrell's Cross Roads Sunday.

Mr. Wilson Muse, of Hampton, visited at the home of Mr. J. R. Morris Saturday.

Hunter's Chapel News.

Hunter's Chapel, June 29.—Pastor J. R. Smith filled his appointment at Hunter's Chapel last Sunday and announced that the annual protracted meeting at this place would begin the second Sunday in July.

Mr. J. W. Steedly is the first to have real home grown wheat bread, others will have some before long.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Fender and little son spent Saturday and Sunday "over the swamp" with relatives.

Mrs. Julia Steedly went to Holly Hill last Friday to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. Francis Folk, her granddaughters, Bettie and Olive Steedly, accompanied her.

Mr. J. A. McCormick, of Orangeburg county, is in the neighborhood shaking hands with old friends. He has headquarters at his son's, Mr. J.

EULOGIZES WAR GOD.

Maxim Comes Near Breaking Up Student Conference.

Ithaca, N. Y., June 26.—An address by Hudson Maxim, the inventor, today, threatened to disrupt the student conference on international relations, which is in sessions here. Mr. Maxim spoke on armament, national preparedness and neutrality, and after he concluded his remarks thirty delegates, who disagreed with his expressed views, left the hall. One delegate moved to adjourn, but the motion was lost. An apology was offered the inventor and harmony was restored.

Mr. Maxim characterized Pontius Pilate as the "arch typical neutral," declared modern style guns and armaments are life saving machines and asserted that it is more dangerous to ride in an automobile than to go in the trenches. He said that war has never done harm, but always has done good and asserted that the United States needed an army "strong enough to defeat any coalition of nations that could possibly stand against us."

Oil in Orangeburg.

Mr. L. A. Carson, one of the prominent farmers of the eastern portion of Orangeburg county, was in Orangeburg Monday, and had with him a sample of oil which he found upon his farm near Holly Hill. It seems that Sunday Mr. Carson found one of his wells tainted with oil, and he had the well drawn out. When the water was taken out, one of the men found a trickling little stream of what appeared to be oil coming out, and it burnt just like ordinary kerosene. Mr. Carson showed some of the oil on Monday, and to all appearance such as sight and smell, it seems to be oil. He intends to have an expert come down and look into the situation if the oil trickling continues.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

TOLLS FROM PANAMA CANAL.

Total of Four Million Since Opening of Big Ditch.

Washington, June 28.—A total of \$4,000,000 in tolls was collected for the use of the Panama canal in the period between the opening of the waterway for traffic in May last year up to June 6 last.

During April the tolls for the first time were greater than the cost of operation and maintenance of the canal by \$84,112, the total for the month being \$442,415, and the cost of operation of the canal \$358,000.

Partial returns for May indicate the tolls for that month will swell the total for the eleven months preceding to a figure sufficient to wipe out the previous existing deficit.

B. McCormick's.

Mr. Hubert Carter and family, of Lodge, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Summers last Sunday.

Capt. Rice Steedly and Roy Hunter crossed the Howell old mill last Sunday evening "going west," but when the moon was shining they came east.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rhoad and Mr. N. P. Smoak and family, of Bamberg, visited at Mr. N. B. Rhoad's last Sunday.

Mr. Rubin Steedly dined out Sunday. A. B. C.

News From Kearse.

Olar, June 29.—Farmers are still bravely fighting grass.

The Rev. Mr. Sassard filled his regular appointment at Kearse Sunday morning. He preached a splendid sermon and we are glad to say our congregations are growing. Much interest is taken in our Sunday-school by old and young alike, which goes to prove the need of a church in every community.

Miss Bessie Lee Black and Mrs. M. T. Johnson, of Bamberg, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. L. A. Brabham.

Prof. and Mrs. W. D. Roberts returned to Columbia Monday after a visit to their parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kearse.

Mr. Carl Kearse is at home for the summer.

Misses Kathleen Oswald, Hilda Kearse and Salome Brabham are at home from the Confederate Home college, Charleston.

Miss Cressie Breeland, accompanied by Miss Annie Halford, returned Saturday after several weeks' visit to Charleston and Blackville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Starr, of Olar, spent Sunday with the old folks at home.

Cleopatra's needle weighs 180 tons.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Govan Oswald, aged sixty, was killed at Cayce, near Columbia, Saturday, by taking hold of a live wire that had fallen to the ground.

A seven-story hotel is to be erected in Spartanburg on the site of the old Spartanburg hotel, to cost between \$225,000 and \$250,000.

The South Carolina Press association and the Master Printers' association are in joint session at Chick Springs this week. An excursion trip to the mountains of North Carolina is a part of the programme of the meeting. E. H. DeCamp, of the Gaffney Ledger, is the retiring president.

In a \$25,000 law suit at Lexington against the Parr Shoals company by J. E. Weissinger, a verdict was rendered for the defendant. It was alleged that the company fraudulently secured an option to a tract of land, and that a 300-acre tract of land had been made uninhabitable by mosquitoes and bad odors from a pond caused by the defendant's dam.

An investigation is being conducted by the State board of charities and corrections into the financial status of the inmates of the State Hospital for the Insane. Of about 1,700 patients in the hospital, it is stated that not more than 16 pay in whole or part for their treatment, the remainder being beneficiaries, costing the State approximately \$20.60 each per month.

George McGregor jumped into a mill pond near Bennettsville last week to take a swim. When he came out he complained that he had hurt his head. Examination showed that his scalp had been peeled from his forehead back. He pulled the scalp back in place and held it with one hand while he drove his car back to town, and the doctor sewed it back in the proper place. He seems little the worse for his experience.

EVIDENCE OF CENSORED MAIL.

Letter Pried Into in England and Marked "Opened by Censor."

Washington, June 23.—Further evidence of interference of neutral mails passing through England was received at the State department today in the form of an envelope, postmarked in a neutral European country, addressed to a person in the United States, and bearing on its top flap the printed legend "opened by censor."

An investigation of this subject has been in progress in the postoffice department since the Swedish minister complained several days ago that mail from the United States to Sweden had been opened in England.

There has been no indication as to whether the United States will make representations to Great Britain. Doubt has been expressed as to whether existing treaties and postal conventions are violated by censoring of private mail transmitted across a belligerent country.

ANSEL REFUSES INJUNCTION.

Will Not Restrain Issuing of Greenville Road Bonds.

Greenville, June 28.—Special Judge Martin F. Ansel today denied the request for an injunction to restrain the county supervisor from issuing on July 1 \$400,000 in bonds for the public roads of the county. The notice of appeal, however, given by Lewis W. Parker and O. K. Mauldin, counsel for the plaintiff, J. W. Little, means that if the case is carried to the supreme court it will be several months before the matter can be decided and thereby will stop the road work for the present summer. There is keen disappointment felt here and many hope that the appeal will not be perfected, for which a period of ten days is granted. The court answered the four points brought up by counsel, as to the legality of the road commission, legality of the act of the legislature in granting the right to issue, as to whether or not the county had overstepped its constitutional limitation as to borrowing powers and as to whether or not the people should vote on the issue. He ruled that the legislature is supreme and the entire proceedings legal.

Glendale Springs water always fresh at Herndon's grocery store.—adv.

KILLED NEAR PORT ROYAL.

Chas. Handy, Jr., Probably Victim of Motorcycle Accident.

Beaufort, June 28.—Charles Handy, Jr., about 22 years of age, lost his life tonight near Port Royal, in what appears to have been a motorcycle accident. He was probably dead when discovered in the road about 8:30 o'clock by two negroes, who hailed a passing automobile and sent word of the accident to Beaufort. Dr. M. G. Elliott, accompanied by Mr. Sam Levin, immediately left for the scene, but life was extinct when he arrived.

Mr. Handy was coming from Port Royal to Beaufort, and when a short distance from Port Royal his motorcycle, it is supposed, struck a stump. The body bore a gash about six inches long in the right side.

The young man was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Handy, who came here from Maryland several years ago and located on Cat Island, where they are engaged in truck farming. His parents are expected to return tomorrow from a visit to their old home in Maryland.

BE SENT TO SUPREME COURT.

Constitutionality of State Tax Commission May Be Tested.

Columbia, June 27.—It is believed in well-informed circles in Columbia that the matter of the constitutionality of the State tax commission will find its way into the courts. The bankers allege the law creating the body is unconstitutional, this being made in their protest filed with the commission some days ago.

The attorney general has been asked to render an opinion concerning the power of the commission in bank assessments. The State tax commission has decided to assess and equalize all corporations in South Carolina, it has been announced.

The following letter has been addressed to Attorney General Peoples by the tax commission:

"The question has arisen whether or not the banks of this State are to be assessed for taxation for the year commencing January 1, 1915, by the State tax commission, under subdivision 16, section 8 of the act creating the commission—28 statutes, 131—or by the county auditor and county boards of assessors, under civil code, 1912, section 345, 423 and 427.

Took Effect February 20.

"The act creating the tax commission took effect February 20, 1915, when the time for making tax returns expired, but before the local boards of assessors acted on the returns, upon its organization in March, the State tax commission notified the county auditors of the State to require banking corporations to give the itemized information required by the bank tax returns heretofore used, and if such information was not furnished return the tax return to bank for correction. The commission instructed the county auditors to place the returns made by the banks before the county boards of equalization, and if the boards should increase the valuation returned, then to give notice to the corporation of the amount of the increase and have a time set to hear their protest or appeal.

"Some of the banks now take the position that the commission has nothing to do with the assessments of banks, and that the action of the county board fixing such assessments is final and not reviewable by this commission.

"Do the assessments as made by the county boards and the county auditor govern for the year 1915, or has the tax commission the power to review the action of the county auditor and county boards in the matter of assessments on banks, or to make such assessments so as to equalize the assessments on them this year? We would appreciate your advice at the earliest date possible."

Bankers from several parts of the State have appeared before the tax commission in the last few days and the opinion of the attorney general will be awaited with much interest. The tax commission is composed of A. W. Jones, chairman; W. G. Query and J. P. Derham.

Wishing Him Luck.

"I've got to sit up with a sick friend tonight," he said. "Well," she retorted, "I hope you do him good," and from the way she said it he knew that he hadn't "got by."—Detroit Free Press.

The older a man gets the less he knows he knows.

ATTY. GENERAL'S OPINION

INTIMATES REORGANIZATION OF MILITIA MAY BE ANNULLED.

Election of Officers to Fill Places of Men Displaced Occasions Opinion.

Columbia, June 29.—"This being only a reorganization, or a re-arrangement or re-assignment—as you may be pleased to term it—of the remaining companies of the militia, I am of the opinion that the officers of these regiments have not been removed in accordance with law, and that they cannot be removed or mustered out of service except as is provided by statute so long as the military companies themselves remain a part of the organized militia," says Thomas H. Peoples, attorney general, in an exhaustive opinion rendered this morning on the reorganization of the South Carolina National Guard. He goes into the history of the State militia from January 11, 1915, when former Governor Blease, by proclamation mustered out the National Guard, up to the present time. "Under date of January 15, 1915, after referring to the statutes relating to the militia, I advised the adjutant general that 'from an examination of the proclamation and applying it to the law quoted, I am of the opinion that the organized militia of South Carolina has been legally disbanded and mustered out of service,'" says the opinion. "Nothing has been brought to my attention to cause any change in my view then expressed, nor have later investigations done so," continues the opinion.

If the opinion of the attorney general is upheld by the courts, the recent elections of militia officers are vitiated and the former regimental officers are still in command. Also, if the opinion is upheld, the proclamation of Governor Manning, issued January 22, 1915, declaring null and void the proclamation of former Governor Blease mustering the State National Guard out of service, is illegal, and South Carolina has no organized militia authorized by the statutes.

May Stop Encampments.

Military authorities think probably the opinion of the attorney general will cause a discontinuance of the plans for encampments for this year; for they think that it is improbable that the comptroller general will honor warrants for pay to what might be an illegally organized militia. Also, they say that the probabilities are that the United States disbursing officer, Major J. Shapter Caldwell, will refuse to pay out government funds until the matter is finally adjudicated in the courts.

The opinion says that W. W. Moore, adjutant general, on January 20, 1915, was "of the opinion that the order (of former Governor Blease) disbanded the militia was legal" and again "that he considered the actions of the former governor illegal." This afternoon Gen. Moore denied that he had made any such conflicting statements.

The opinion was given at the request of Major J. Shapter Caldwell, inspector general of the South Carolina National Guard, assistant to the adjutant general. Major Caldwell wanted to know if the regimental officers of the old 1st, 2nd and 3rd regiments should be mustered out of service.

The attorney general, in his opinion, quotes the proclamation of former Governor Blease, under date of January 11, 1915, which dissolved, mustered out and disbanded all the militia in the State, both National Guard and volunteer organizations.

On the request of the office of the adjutant general, under date of January 12, 1915, Attorney General Peoples said that he rendered an opinion in which he held the action of former Governor Blease legal and he is "of the same opinion still." This opinion was delivered January 15, 1915.

TO RETURN JACKSON'S FLAG

Governor of Illinois Signs Bill to This Effect.

Springfield, Ill., June 28.—A legislative bill providing for return to the women of New Orleans of a flag presented to Gen. Jackson and captured in 1863 by Illinois troops was signed by Governor Dunne today.

The governor also signed a bill creating the Vicksburg military statue commission and appropriating \$50,000 for erection in the National Cemetery at Vicksburg, Miss, of statues to U. S. Grant and other generals from Illinois who participated in the siege of Vicksburg.

GENERAL HUERTA ARRESTED.

United States Frustrates Plans of Former Dictator.

Washington, June 27.—The United States government has frustrated for the present an attempt on the part of Gen. Victoriano Huerta and his associates to launch from American territory a new revolutionary movement in Mexico.

Detention of the former Mexican dictator with Gen. Orozco and others at El Paso today followed nearly three months of espionage by government agents. The department of justice had instructed United States Attorney Camp, of the Western district of Texas, to take into custody these men, who, seemingly were engaged in violations of American neutrality laws, which forbid the recruiting of men, purchase of supplies therefor and the organizing of a military expedition on the soil of the United States to be used in operation against a people with which this country is at peace.

Mr. Camp was ordered to place before a grand jury at El Paso immediately all the evidence in his possession in order that indictments may be returned against any one guilty of an intent to violate American neutrality laws.

Apart from any considerations of policy which the Washington government may have in mind for the settlement of the Mexican problem, the department of justice has the full sympathy of the department of State in enforcing the neutrality laws, irrespective of the individuals concerned.

Arrests Ordered.

When Assistant Attorney General Warren called to the attention of Secretary Lansing the fact that Gen. Huerta and his supporters appeared to be ready to set on foot an armed expedition into Mexico, Mr. Lansing indicated that was a subject for the department of justice to handle and the arrests were ordered forthwith.

The developments at El Paso caused a sensation in Mexican quarters here, both the Carranza and Villa agencies issuing statements rejoicing that the United States had checked an effort on the part of the so-called reactionary interests to regain control of Mexican affairs. Both agencies had repeatedly called to the attention of the State department the movements of the Huerta group, although today's action it was said at the State department, was entirely on the initiative of the department of justice.

While officials were reticent as to the probable development of the case against Huerta, it was indicated that the United States would retain in its custody, for the present at least, the man whose overthrow of Madero and whose dictatorship in Mexico was declared by President Wilson to be responsible for the resulting turbulence in the Southern republic. When Gen. Huerta returned from Spain the American government made no effort to deport him, accepting his pledge that he did not intend to violate the laws of neutrality.

SLATON LEAVES ATLANTA.

Former Governor and Wife Off for Pacific Coast.

Atlanta, June 28.—Former Governor John M. Slaton, accompanied by Mrs. Slaton, left Atlanta late today for the Pacific coast by way of New York and the military guard stationed at his suburban home as a result of demonstrations against the commutation of Leo M. Frank's death sentence was withdrawn tonight.

The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Slaton was without incident. Accompanied by a few friends, they motored from their home to the terminal station, where they boarded a Southern railway passenger train.

The four men arrested at the Slaton estate early today will be released tomorrow, according to an announcement tonight by the military authorities. The twenty-six taken into custody Saturday, however, are to be prosecuted.

Col. Orville Hall, commanding the 5th regiment, today made a written report of their arrest to Governor Harris, who is to decide whether the trial shall be by military or civil court. No formal charges have yet been placed against them.

Properly Named.

"Why do they call 'em fountain pens? I should say reservoir pen would be the better name. A reservoir contains liquids, fountain reser- 'em around."

"I think fountain pen is the proper name," said the party of the second part.—Louisville Courier-Journal.